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for guests and, in winter, for the livestock. The hearth lies in the middle; over it hangs the kettle and sometimes a chimney tapering sharply at the top. Next to it stands a long, wide bench, and against one wall a plank-bed made of boards, on which are the beds and a chest. In one corner are kept the whetstone, mortar stone, baskets, troughs, utensils for preparing millet and maize, milk bucket, cups and spoons of wood and horn, gourd containers, etc., and harnesses, saddles, and weapons hang on the walls.

Another type (khkwatsu) corresponds in purpose to certain pile-huts on east Serbian and east Macedonian farms: they are the sleeping huts for young married couples. They stand in the yard near the main house, are round and plaited of hazel switches, and the walls lean inward slightly. The roof is conical and bound at the top with willow twigs, and the whole hut is covered with reeds, ferns, dried weeds, and the like.

[755] In the yard, which is surrounded by a plashed hedge, there are, in addition, a summer kitchen of wickerwork, plaited granaries on piles (cf. Figs. 246, 247 [in untranslated portion]) for storing corncobs, a wine house with the wine press, barrels, baskets for the vintage, and the like. The latter are round, pointed at the bottom, about 60 centimeters high and 15 centimeters wide; a large hook is tied on at the top so that when the grapes are being picked it can be hung on the branches of the tall grapevines, like our fruit basket.

The Cherkess farmsteads likewise lie hidden in groups in [Fig. 447 appears here] copses of oak, beech, elm [Ulmen], elm [Elmen], ash, pear, and plum trees. The dwelling is built of mud bricks or wickerwork smeared with mud; the span-roof is covered with straw that is held fast by poles, and it often juts out in front one to one and a quarter meters as in the Balkan and Crimean Tatar huts. The stable usually takes up one side of the house, living space the other; a door on the long side leads to each of them. The interior furnishings are like those of the Abkhaz house; the hearth, however, is found here at an outside wall, and the wickerwork chimney hanging over it is pear-shaped and sticks out one and a half to two meters above the roof. In the yard there are also a larger winter stable for sheep

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